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COUNTRY

TOPIC Soviet Troops in Camp Spratzern near St. Poelten, Melk, Mauer Oehling and

Amstetten

EVALUATION 25X1

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. On 27 March 1952, 10 field grade officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were seen entering and leaving Camp Spratzern south of St. Poelten. A lieutenant colonel was the ranking officer. Ten trucks and one jeep stood in the camp. Vehicles identified included trucks

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all driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. * The roads leading to the highway south of the camp were furrowed by numerous imprints of tank tracks. About 20 soldiers fired rifles along the highway.

2. On 27 March, 10 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying tripods and small cases marched into the Birago Kaserne in Melk (O 49/W 68) led by a senior lieutenant. Four trucks and an artillery piece were parked in the yard.

3. On 26 March, 31 trucks and 8 artillery pieces were in the yard of the former insane asylum in Mauer Oehling (O 49/W 26). A unit of 36 soldiers with rifles, 2 senior lieutenants and 1 major, all wearing black-bordered red epaulets, marched into the installation. The soldiers who looked very tired came from the direction of the training ground west of the insane asylum. They were followed by eight soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets and carrying submachine guns. The latter seemed to have come from a firing practice. Military personnel seen entering and leaving the installation included 8 field-grade officers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, a lieutenant colonel being the ranking officer; 2 majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and some

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soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets with artillery insignia. Trucks

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truck driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, were identified. **

4. Three male medical officers and two female medical officers, all field grade officers, 6 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets and 3 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen at the Soviet hospital in Amstetten (O 49/W 27). Only a few soldiers were seen in Amstetten. Most wore black-bordered red epaulets except for a very few who wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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